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SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST "INTERVIEW" WITH CARAMANLIS
PROVOKES GOG REACTION

1. DUSKO DODER "INTERVIEW" WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (MARCH 24) WAS REPRINTED IN ATHENS GREEK-LANGUAE PAPERS TO VIMA (IN TOTO) AND AKROPOLIS (IN PART) MARCH 25. LATER SAME DAY, "RELIABLE SOURCES" (I.E., GOG PRESS SPOKESMAN LAMBRIAS) ISSUED STATEMENT DENYING FACT THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD GRANTED "AN INTERVIEW" TO DODER. GOG SOURCE CATEGORIZED DODER/PM CONVERSATION AS A "CAUSUAL DISCUSSION" WHICH HAD NOT EVEN "BEEN REPORTED ACCURATELY" BY THE JOURNALIST. (COMMENT: IT NOT KNOWN HERE WHETHER PRIME MINISTER IN FACT CONSIDERED HIS TALK WITH DODER AS "A BACKGROUNDER" GIVEN IN CONTEXT OF A SOCIAL MEETING OR WHETHER HE KNEW HE WOULD BE QUOTED BUT HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AFTER THE INTERVIEW'S APPEARANCE.)

2. IN REPRINTING POST STORY, TO VIMA USED INTRODUCTORY
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HEADLINE "THE PORT FACILITIES WILL BE ABOLISHED".

HEADLINE SOMEWHAT MISLEADING IN THAT RELEVANT PORTION
OF STORY'S TEXT LESS DOGMATIC IN TONE, I.E., DODER
REPORTED THAT "THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INDICATED THAT
HE BELIEVES THAT ONE SIGNIFICANT FACILITY FOR THE
MAERICANS -- THE BERTHING BASE FOR THE FLOTILLA OF
THE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET IN THE AREA OF ATHENS --
WILL BE ABOLISHED."
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